(c) Constant monitoring is done to review the vacancy position, and necessary steps are taken to fill them on priority. In order to ensure that academic excellence of these institutions does not suffer due to a shortage of qualified faculty, the following measures have been adopted:–

(a) Inviting visiting and guest faculty;

(b) Recruitment by invitation of outstanding faculty;

(c) Keeping the selection process operative throughout the year by regular advertisements in the press and through the website of the IITs; and

(d) The Directors, Heads of the Departments and Senior Faculty Members remain constantly in touch with outstanding persons in various teaching and research institutions both in the India and abroad, with a view to motivate them to join the IIT's as teaching faculty.

Review of Policy on FDI

*537. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to review the policy of Foreign Direct Investment in a holistic manner and bringing greater consistency in rules for various segments as 20 per cent FDI is allowed in DTH and 49 per cent in cable television industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of Constitution (Seventy-Ninth) Amendment Bill

†*538. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to withdraw the Constitution (Seventy-Ninth) Amendment Bill;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering framing of uniform civil law after making comprehensive amendment in the personal law for effective control on the problem of population; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and how far it would be in the interest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government. The Constitution (Seventy-Ninth) Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in 1992, has been pending for more than 12 years, as it has not been possible to evolve consensus amongst various Political Parties despite repeated meetings with their leaders.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature, which enables a couple to adopt the family planning methods, best suited to them, according to their choice, without any compulsion. They are free to decide about the size of their family. The policy of the Government is that the couple should be encouraged by persuasion to opt for contraception methods out of informed choice. The National Population Policy, 2000 adopted by Government affirms the commitment of Government towards voluntary and informed choice and consent of citizens while availing of reproductive health care services, without any incentives, dis-incentives or coercion for limiting family size.

Rehabilitation centres for handicapped

*539. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicapped persons till January, 2005;

(b) the number of vocational rehabilitation centres set up for them, location-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware that rehabilitation centres are not sufficient to meet the needs of the handicapped persons; and